

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
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Norikazu ARAI et al.)
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Continuation of Serial No.: 09/487,928) Group Art Unit: Unassigned
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Parent Filed: January 20, 2000) Examiner: Unassigned
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For: OPTICAL PICK-UP)
APPARATUS,)
RECORDING/REPRODUCING)
APPARATUS PROVIDED WITH)
THE OPTICAL PICKUP)
APPARATUS, OPTICAL)
ELEMENT, AND)
INFORMATION)
RECORDING/REPRODUCING)

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to the examination of the above application, please amend this application
as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 2, 3, and 78-80 without prejudice or disclaimer of the
subject matter thereof, and amend claims 1, 4, 5, 77, 81, 82, 135, and 136, as follows: